

Applicant herewith submits an IDS, in which Applicant provides a concise explanation of relevance for the following reference *JP-2000-164883 filed on 11/28/2001 or 3/22/2002*. This IDS is a separate paper (supplemental IDS) from the IDS filed earlier (IDS filed on May 29, 2001 through July 31, 2003). Applicant believes that the IDS filed herewith is fully compliant with 37 CFR 1.98. Applicant believes that this statement of relevance makes moot the argument regarding non-compliance for the previous IDS filed between May 29, 2001 and July 31, 2003.

Based on the above, Applicant believes that it is appropriate for the Examiner to consider all references cited in the IDS filed between May 29, 2001 and the present. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each of these IDS and the associated references, and return the signed PTO-1449 forms in the next communication.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Sherry Schumm ((480) 688-1596) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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